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Re: U.S. Patent Application No.: 09/613,940  
Filing Date: July 11, 2000  
Entitled: NETWORK DEVICE INCLUDING CENTRAL AND DISTRIBUTED SWITCH FABRIC  
SUBSYSTEMS  
Attorney Docket No: 102689-27 / 00-U0021

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing are the following documents:

1. Preliminary Amendment;
2. Ten (10) pages of amended informal drawings;
3. One (1) page of Specification; and
4. Return Postcard.

The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees which may be associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 141449.

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Respectfully Submitted,



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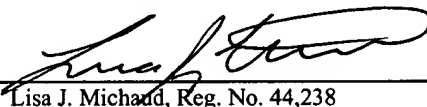
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

BOX PATENT APPLICATION  
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Dear Sir:

Prior to examining the above-referenced patent application, please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification

On page 21, line 18, following "central processor 12 over Ethernet network", please delete "32" and insert therefor -- 41 --.